

Family Talk *with Dave Phillips*

Good morning! Yes, we are enjoying the summer months of July—regardless of the temperature! I just keep remembering what it was like during the months that we could not assemble—and I rejoice because now we can! I realize that we still have members who are experiencing the impact of COVID diagnoses, and even though I understand each individual has a unique experience, the overall assumption is that this particular strand is not as devastating as the initial experiences. I am not a scientist or physician (though I talk with them frequently), but I am thankful that fewer people are suffering from COVID and that the experience overall is a milder form of the virus. All that being said, even though I've recently experienced having COVID myself and know of it's challenges, I am thankful for the blessings of improved help and treatments.

We are enjoying our Summer Series—and each speaker has brought a unique perspective that is worthy of hearing. I am glad that we have it during the summer and I believe it shows that we are doing our very best to share with our greater community in the Memphis area regarding the work of the Lord. We continue to look beyond Germantown and see our responsibilities to places far beyond the borders of our city. Don't miss any Wednesday night! It is great to encourage—and be encouraged!

I hope you have marked your calendar for August 7. This the date for our Mission Sunday! Our Mission Committee is planning the day—and it will be unique for 2022. The day is planned for our focus on the overall mission work on Sunday morning—and we'll hear from our local mission efforts—our teens—on Sunday night. We'll hear Jake speak to us during our evening assembly—and the we'll hear from both of our interns in an informal atmosphere in our fellowship hall Sunday evening with light snacks. What a great day that will be!

I'm so glad you are a part of our church family. We'll see you Sunday, if not sooner.

Sermons and Scripture Reading

AM - Committing To Edification (1 Corinthians 14:20-26)
PM - Looking At Service (John 4:23-24; Romans 12:1-2)

Welcome Guests

If you are visiting with us, you are our honored guest. We encourage you to fill out the red guest card located on the back of the pew in front of you. We wish to meet and greet you after service. Thank you for worshipping with us and please come again.



Bible Classes - Sunday

Class	Topic	Teachers	Location
Auditorium	Luke	John Thomas	Auditorium
Faith Builders	Ezekiel	Dave Phillips	FH 1&2
Fellowship Hall	Transitions-Mark to Acts	Larry Scroggs	FH 3&4
LIFE 365	Various	Brian Stewart	AH 123
I.O.U.	The Teachings of Jesus	David Escue Steve Haynes	AH 124
Cornerstone	The Prison Epistles	David Franklin T. Tomlinson	AH 128
Reflections	Various Topics	Joe Roth Jason Speed	AH 120
Southeast Asian	Christ in the Gospel of John	Chuck Hanson Art Cancienne	SE Asian Classroom
Young Adult	Hebrews	Barry Kelton Jeff Spence	AH 129
Youth	Various	Various	Youth Room
Grace Land	God's Story	Various	Grace Land
Pre-K, Kindergarten, Nursery	Various	Various	PH 101-108

Summer Series - Wednesday 7 pm

June 8 - Nathan Daily *from* Florence, AL.

June 15 - Leon Sanderson *from* Germantown.

June 22 - Ralph Gilmore *from* Woodbury, TN.

June 29 - Harold Redd, (VBS week) *from* Midtown.

July 6 - Tim Alsup *from* Great Oaks.

July 13 - Dwight Albright *from* Park Ave.

July 20 - Philip Slate *from* Germantown.

July 27 - Joshua Adams *from* Germantown.

Aug. 3 - Ben Coleman *from* Bartlett Woods.

Aug. 10 - Jim Howard *from* Germantown.

Aug. 17 - Matt Cook *from* Henderson, TN.

Aug. 24 - Brian Stewart *from* Germantown.

Aug. 31 - Harold Redd *from* Raleigh Springs.

OUR PRAYERS

Members

Vee Brasfield	Ruth Evans	Ronnie Williams
Amy Craft	Laura Vann	Shannon Wilson
	Lottie Wade	

Friends and Family

Kelcy Gorman - daughter of Stacey & Christy Ainsworth
Linda Hanson - daughter-in-law of Chuck & Paula Hanson
O'Neal Howard - cousin of Doris Conder
Mariah Johnson - daughter of Joyce McCrory & granddaughter of Art Roberts.
Bob Kelsey - friend of Phyllis Vincent
Jan Papasan Mars - sister-in-law of David & Christy Mars
Kent Partain - nephew of Barbara Worrell
John Pearson - friend of Phyllis Vincent
Al Pettigrew - cousin of Doris Conder
Laura Sexton - sister of Debby Hayes
Edward Williams - brother-in-law of Loretta Williams, friend of Jackie Meadows
David Worrell - son of Barbara Worrell

Those Serving Our Country

James Chapman - son of Barry & Cheryl Chapman/Army/Ft. Bragg, NC
Lauren Cotney - our sister/Air National Guard/Knoxville, TN
Lauren Dacus - our sister/Marines/Camp Lejeune, NC
Philip Day - son of Terry & Cheryl Day/USS Tortuga
Andy Dye - grandson of Mary Jo Dixon/Army National Guard/Dyersburg, TN
Alaina Gembara - daughter of Terri Chambers/Navy/Naples, Italy
Bria Gibson - daughter of Terri Chambers/Navy/Hawaii
John Gibson - son-in-law of Terri Chambers/Navy/Hawaii
Tyler Hicks - son of Mark & Kristi Hicks/Eglin AFB/FL
Grant Kelton - our brother/Air National Guard/Memphis, TN
Taylor Kelton - our brother/Hanscom AFB/Bedford, MA
Savanah Reed - granddaughter of John & Martha Reed/Air Force
Griffin Stanford - our brother/Army Guard
Landon Walker - son of Christy Perkins/USS Gerald R. Ford
Timothy Wright - son-in-law of Mark & Brenda Conder/Army/Ft. Campbell, KY

Parents of Members

Mary Jo Dixon (Nancy James)
Dan Fetherston (Emily Graham)
Betty Harlston (Paula Jones)
Truman Hull, Sr. (Camilla Jones)
Margaret Wade (Emily Wade)

Prayer list is updated every two weeks. Notify the church office if your friend or family member should remain on the list.

Mission Sunday August 7, 2022

On August 7th, we will have our annual Mission Sunday. The Sunday morning schedule will feature a combined Bible Adult Class at 9:15 a.m. We will have a Pot Luck Luncheon after our 10:30 worship service.

Leslie Williams And Family

Our Canadian missionary, Leslie Williams and his family, Loopie and Baylee will be town August 3rd through August 9th. A signup sheet to host the Williams for meals has been placed on the credenza in the South Hall. Please choose a time to host them for one of the meals; you will greatly enjoy the fellowship. For any questions or concerns, please contact Jeff Spence.

Preschool Openings

The Preschool is hiring staff members for the 2022-23 school year. Working hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., mid August through mid-May. Our classes are close to full with little people and we need some loving ladies to complete our staff. This is a paid position and has a significant discount for teacher's kids, grandkids. Please contact Michelle Bradford at 901-755-1184 or by email at gtownpreschool@gmail.com.

Come Join The Sound Room

The Sound Room is in search of willing men and women interested in helping facilitate worship at Germantown. Please come join our team in important yet very rewarding efforts. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Austin Farmer or Jacob Wallace.

Heart Group Leaders Needed!

Call, Text or Email Cary Duncan if interested or if you have questions. Email: carygrantduncan@yahoo.com or phone: 901-496-3237.

Adult Educators Workshop - Saturday, August 27, 2022

Workshop on Teaching Adults.

"Adult Education" is a big enterprise in the USA now. In many places older adults are encouraged to take university courses. Some businesses pay for their employees to take college or university courses. But how do adults learn? How can teachers do a good job of making sense of Scripture in our adult classes? These are questions to be tackled in the forthcoming workshop for teachers of adult classes. Look for further details.

Sasha Maluga **Missionary to Ukraine**

Greetings to you from Kyiv, Ukraine! It has been three months since I have written a newsletter in this format. After I started my Telegram channel, it has been my main way of communication and I love it – I can post updates and pictures at any time. However, I do see a lot of value in Newsletters in this format as well.

As you may already know I am currently in Kyiv. I have been here since June 18th and I love it here, I love being home, I love being with my husband working with him back-to-back, I love to worship at Poznyaki. My heart feels so at peace here... even though it is not peaceful around me at all.

Coming to Ukraine from Poland, after being away for three and a half months was not without fear. I was afraid – because I was coming from safety to the war-torn country. Prior to the morning when our group left Kyiv I listened to the loud explosions all night long, it took us three days to get to the border – with lots of air-raid warnings on the way – and then we finally came to Poland, to the safety, but it took us a while to not react to the sound of airplane or a railroad. We started feeling safer, but our hearts were bleeding for our loved ones who stayed in Ukraine. Then in April, Russian troops pulled away from Kyiv and went to the east of Ukraine as the main war scene shifted there. The front line moved further from Kyiv but closer to a lot of our brothers and sisters in the eastern part of Ukraine. But despite that, Kyiv and other cities were still bombed from time to time, buildings were destroyed, people were killed.

But I needed to come back, at least for a while, there were a few legal things that I needed to do for the Ukrainian Bible Institute, but the main reason was to come home and to see my husband. So, I went. Any fear I had – I forced it to evaporate through many prayers! God has been so powerfully present in our lives over the last several months in the way how He took care and protected our family and our church! Sure, I decided, a lot of people are returning to Ukraine, my husband is there along with other Christians – and I have nothing to fear!

At the same time people are very united, very kind to one another and very understanding – probably more so than before the war began. People are hurting and that makes them more compassionate to the hurts of others. People see each other as one big team that has to win this game, but unfortunately it is not a game. People are encouraged to be watchful. Kyiv authorities are talking about a lot of Russian subversives getting to Kyiv. If people enter Kyiv, especially from the eastern Ukraine, they have to go through a process of verification and people are encouraged to notice new people around them.

Since I have come to Kyiv the city was hit twice with missiles shot from the Russian airplanes. Fortunately for us the area attacked was away from Poznyaki, but other people were not so fortunate. I have had a dentist visit – and the doctor said that he and his wife now rent an apartment at Poznyaki because it is considered one of the safest areas in Kyiv at the moment, but the missile that hit Kyiv the last time – hit the apartment building where they own an apartment, fortunately their apartment was not destroyed, but others on the other side of the building were, several people were wounded and one was killed. He told me he and his wife had moved before the attack and they still were in shock of what happened.

Stories like that, and the sense of death being so close to you changed the attitude of a lot of people. Lots of people tell us that they pray. Those people believe in God, at least acknowledge His existence, but they hardly ever come to church (if they do, they come to Orthodox church for some holidays) and they hardly ever prayed before. But now, when I start talking to different people about God, about faith, and prayer – they are so open! In the past, many of them would try to change the subject, but now they are interested. It doesn't mean that many of them are ready to change their lives right away, or to even consider repentance and baptism, but they are more tuned to spiritual conversations and I hope that is just a start for them.

Those are some of my thoughts being in Kyiv. My plan is to head back to Poland tomorrow, I hope and pray that I will have a safe trip to Sopot, where currently Toma and Regina are waiting for me. We will have a short time with three of us together, before Toma and then Regina have to leave to go back to Zurich and to Searcy.

We appreciate so much all the help that we get from brothers and sisters from other countries – Ukraine can't win in this war without help from other countries and Ukrainian churches can't serve and help people in Ukraine without the help from churches from other countries. We are eternally grateful for the generosity of our brothers and sisters worldwide!

No one knows what tomorrow will bring, where this war will go from now – whether things will start getting better or worse for Ukraine, or how long this war will last. So hard to do any planning, basically, most of the planning is for one day at a time.

Again, thank you all so much for your prayers and all the help! More than ever we trust God and rely on Him now! More than ever we need your help and we feel your help!

To God be the Glory!

In Christian love,
Sasha and Natasha

(The entire Maluga Report with pictures is on the bulletin board outside the church office)

OUR WORK TOGETHER

SAVE THE DATE!

Marriage Retreat

September 16-18, 2022

Committed: To Our Marriage



at The Country Place
with speaker Dr. Mike Cravens
from Freed-Hardeman University

Men's Retreat- Pinecrest Retreat Center
September 30 (Friday evening) – October 1 (Saturday morning)



Justin Rogers
Freed-Hardeman University

Contact Mike Parham for details
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Worship Attendance QR Code

Please see below the "QR" code to record your Sunday worship attendance digitally. With your smartphone, open to your camera app and point to the code and click the pop up link and it will direct you to our website where you will find the instructions to submit your attendance. You can also go to our website and find the button "Take Attendance" beneath the livestream and enter your information.



For The Record		Ministers
July 24, 2022		
Sunday Bible Class	278	Joshua Adams - Youth Ministry
8:00 a.m.	123	Glenn Daily - Spiritual Leadership
10:30 a.m.	323	Dave Phillips - Preaching
10:30 a.m. online	74	Joe Skelley - Senior Adult Ministry
Total a.m. Worship	520	Brian Stewart - Engagement Ministry
Sunday p.m. Worship	208	Eddie Lewis - Missionary to Mississippi
6:00 p.m. online	39	Sasha Maliuga - Missionary to Ukraine
Total p.m. Worship	247	Daryl Steiner - Missionary to Greece
		Leslie Williams - Missionary to Canada
Contribution	\$36,994	
Budget	\$35,131	

Thank you

Germantown church of Christ,
I am so blessed to have each of you in my life. Thank you for your cards, calls, and certainly all your prayers. You have seen me through the loss of my Cliff and my battle with Covid. I am so grateful to everyone for being so kind and loving. I may never be 100%, but I know that love and prayers go hand in hand and that will carry me through. Thank you all again and bless each of you.

In Christian love,
Phyllis Vincent

To GTCOC,

My sincere thanks to all who have prayed for Peggy and me through the years of her sickness and recent death. Also, thank you for hundreds of cards that came our way. May God richly bless each of you.

Love,
Les Risner

Online Giving

Germantown church of Christ has begun accepting online contributions. Simply go to www.gtcoc.org, and click "GIVING" from the top right of the screen. You may choose your contribution to be a one-time donation or recurring. If you designate recurring, you will need to "SIGN IN" and register for an account. You will have the options to pay with your bank account, credit card, or debit card. Each online contribution will cost the church 2.5%, plus a small transaction fee. The website will allow you to increase your contribution by the same amount if you desire. Once registered, you may wish to use the ShelbyNEXT App for mobile contributions. We also offer a text giving option as well. Instructions for mobile and text giving are located at the bottom of the website Giving page. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office.

Instructions for Online Sunday Morning Viewing

To watch the stream on AppleTV, Roku, or FireTV:

Simply download the Boxcast app in the respective App Store, open the app once it has downloaded, then search for 'Germantown church of Christ'. You may want to Favorite our channel to make it easier to find next time you need it. When we go live it will indicate that to you. All of our archives are also available for you to view.

To watch on a mobile phone browser or desktop web browser:

Go to the www.gtcoc.org homepage and scroll down to find the video player. There will be a list of previously recorded archives. At the very top of that list you will find 'Sunday Morning Worship Services' with a scheduled broadcast date of the day you are attempting to watch the stream. Click on the play icon there and the player will display the live stream.

If you have any questions or experience any technical difficulties email us at gtcocsoundroom@gmail.com. Should those issues persist throughout the live stream for you, please know the archive automatically becomes available a few hours later and can be accessed in the same manner as the above instructions.